

**LAMOINE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF LAMOINE
606 DOUGLAS HIGHWAY
LAMOINE, MAINE 04605**

Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2005.

The Meeting started at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was televised over closed circuit cable.

Commission Members Present: Fred Stocking (Chair), Donna Theall and Tom Spruce
Absent: Carol Korty and Linda Tadema Wielandt

Others Attending: Ken Smith, Nancy Pochan, Mike Garrett, Bob Pulver, and Georgeanna Pulver

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Donna Theall read Linda Tadema Wielandt's minutes of the March 16th meeting of the Commission, *which were approved.*

Concerns of the Public: Nancy Pochan gave her opinion that there was insufficient demand to repeat the purchase and sale of composting systems that she organized last year, and she recommended that we not do it. The Commission agreed that as she had volunteered to do the work, it wouldn't happen if she felt it wasn't a good idea.

Bob Pulver reported on his research on water drilling. He found only vague language in the Building and Land Use Code, and little state activity. He noted that there is a bill in front of the legislature that would require regulatory review of 2,000,000 gallons of water were withdrawn from a single property.

Ken Smith noted the Special Town Meeting on April 28th to consider purchase of one of the three lots behind the school which the voters decided not to purchase at an earlier vote. He noted that the new proposal was to purchase only the "Miller parcel" of three acres right behind the ballfield, for \$40,000.00.

Planning Board and Selectfolk Concerns: Donna noted that the Planning Board has been looking into septic concerns in Bar Harbor Highlands. She says that there is concern in the neighborhood about pumping from one lot to another and pumping under roads. The Commission first considered whether we would draft ordinance provisions for planning board consideration without a previous request to do so. Mike Garrett, a member of the Planning Board, indicated that he did not think this would be a problem from the Planning Board perspective.

On the merits of the specific proposal, however, we decided not to go forward. Ken Smith indicated that systems can be engineered to go under roads with no particular problems. He and Fred noted that there are many pumped systems in Town that pump quite a ways. The fact that such a system might cross a lot line is not a reason to prohibit such a system.

Recycling Subcommittee. Tom Spruce indicated that the recycling subcommittee wished to propose that the Town go to "pay-as-you-throw." We agreed that this would be a major agenda item for the May Meeting.

Freshwater Initiative. This was deferred due to Carol ¹⁵/~~A~~bsence and the fact that Fred hadn't done any significant work on the finances.

Planning for Future Meetings: This was deferred, in expectation that the Freshwater Initiative would generate a community meeting between late May and the end of July at some point. We may also decide after the "Pay as you Throw" discussion to hold "Trash Talk III on that issue.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred Stocking, Chair
Lamoine Conservation Commission